N-cholesteryloxycarbonyl-4-para-aminophenol. -

Page 3, between lines 24 and 25, insert - SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Please delete the two paragraphs from page 5, line 20 to page 6, line 10 in favor of the following new paragraphs:

- N-cholesteryloxycarbonyl-4-para-aminophenol may be obtained as described in U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/284,490, filed June 21, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In the context of the present invention, the term "hydroquinone derivative" is understood to mean optionally substituted hydroquinone monoalkyl ethers and hydroquinone monoaryl ethers. Such hydroquinone ethers are described in Japanese Patent Application Nos. JP-06 192 062 and JP-61 159 943. It is also understood to mean the ethers of hydroquinone and of a heterocyclic alcohol, as described in International PCT Patent Application No. WO 98/07406 (corresponds to U. S. Patent No. 6,139,854), which is also incorporated herein by reference. The expression "hydroquinone derivative" is further understood to include the (2,5-dihydroxyphenyl) carboxylic acid derivatives described, for example, in application EP-526 302 (corresponds to U. S. Patent No. 5,449,518), which is also incorporated herein by reference. This term is additionally understood to include hydroquinone which is substituted, in particular, with alkylthio or alkoxy groups. -

Please delete the paragraph from page 6, line 11 to page 8, line 5 in favor of the following new paragraph:

- Examples of preferred hydroquinone derivatives include:

2,5-dihydroxyphenyl propionic acid, the ethyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxyphenyl propionic acid; the lauryl ester of 2,5-dihydroxyphenylpropionic acid; methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-3,4-

dimethylphenyl acetate; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylphenyl acetic acid; alkyl esters of 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylphenyl acetic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylphenyl propionic acid; ethyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxy-4-phenylpropionic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylbenzoic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylbenzoic acid; ethyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylbenzoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-ethylbenzoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzoic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-ethoxybenzoic acid; 3-(2,5-dihydroxy-4'-methylphenyl)-1-N-(ω-carboxydecyl)propylamide; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylphenylbutanoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylphenylhexanoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methoxyphenylacetic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methoxyphenylacetic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzylamide; methyl 2,5-dihydroxy-3-methoxyphenylacetate; 2,5-dihydroxy-3-methoxyphenylpentadecylic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxy-3-methoxyphenylpentadecylic acid; 2,5-dihydroxyphenylbutanoic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxyphenylbutanoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxyphenylbutylamide; 2,5-dihydroxyphenylpentanoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxyphenylhexanoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxyphenyloctanoic acid; 2,5-dihydroxyphenyldecylic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxyphenyldecylic acid; 2,5-dihydroxyphenylundecylic acid; methyl ester of 2,5-dihydroxyphenylundecylic acid; 2,5-dihydroxy-3,4-dimethylphenylacetic acid; ethyl-2,5-dihydroxy-4,6-dimethylphenylacetate; 2-(2,5-dihydroxy-4-methylphenyl)-N-octylacetamide; 6-(2,5-dihydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)hexanoic acid; 4-[(6-methoxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxyphenol; 4-[(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy]phenol; and 4-[(tetrahydro-2H-thiopyran-2-yl)oxy]phenol.

Page 18, delete the last two lines.